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Served mild or hot and spicy..... 6</p> <p><b>Batera</b> Whole quail marinated in aromatic Indian herbs and grilled..... 8</p> <p><b>Crab Paneer Cake</b> Homemade paneer (cheese), crab ragra patties with masala, served with chick peas..... 7</p> <p><b>Bombay Prawn Masala</b> Prawns in Diya's dill masala sauce with garlic and Indian thyme..... 8</p> <p><b>Daily Buffet Luncheon</b> <b>Monday-Sunday</b> <b>12 Noon - 3:00 PM</b> <b>\$7.95</b></p> <p><b>Happy Hour 4:00-7:00pm</b> <b>Open Mic Night - Tuesday</b> <b>Jazz Night - Friday</b></p>	<p><b>SEAFOOD DELIGHT</b></p> <p><b>Salmon</b> Salmon marinated in yogurt and spices, baked in the oven, then cooked in a spicy thick cream sauce..... 15</p> <p><b>Samundari Machli</b> Roasted cod or catfish served in our special sauce made with cooked onions, pepper, garlic..... 13</p> <p><b>Lobster Masala</b> Lobster cooked with shiitake mushroom, chopped onions, garlic and white wine..... 20</p> <p><b>Goan Lobster Curry</b> Sliced lobster tail cooked with Goan coconut curry..... 20</p> <p><b>Fish Curry Goa</b> White fish of the day cooked in a spicy sauce with coconut milk..... 15</p> <p><b>Bombay Prawn Masala</b> Shrimp in Diya's dill masala sauce with garlic and Indian thyme..... 15</p> <p><b>Scallops</b> Fresh scallops pan seared with fresh garlic, shallots, fresh herbs and spices..... 18</p> <p><b>VEGETARIAN DELIGHT</b></p> <p><b>Palak Paneer</b> Fresh spinach creamed and cooked with homemade cottage cheese, onions and tomatoes..... 10</p> <p><b>Porcini Cashew Bhutta Methi</b></p> <p><b>Palak</b> Baby corn stir-fried with masala of coriander, mint, green chilies and curry leaf..... 10</p> <p><b>Bhindi Masala</b> Sliced baby chilies are pan-grilled and tossed with diced potatoes seasoned with spices..... 9</p> <p><b>Alu Gobi</b> Cauliflower &amp; potatoes in herbs &amp; spices..... 9</p> <p><b>Baigan Dahiwalas</b> Baby Indian eggplants marinated with spices and cooked in yogurt..... 9</p> <p><b>Chole Peshawari</b> Chick peas cooked in a weak North Indian style with onions, green chilies &amp; tomatoes..... 8</p> <p><b>Daal Tarka</b> Yellow Lentil cooked with spices..... 8</p> <p><b>Maa Di Daal</b> Black unskinned lentils and red kidney beans slow cooked. A sizzling of shredded ginger, cumin and garlic is added with butter to complete this classic dish from Punjab..... 9</p> <p><b>Bhatora/Puri/Kulcha Chole</b> Deep fried Indian bread, served with Chole (chickpeas) and potato curry with Indian pickle, onions and fresh green chili..... 10</p>	<p><b>NON-VEGETARIAN</b></p> <p><b>Malabar Chicken Curry</b> Boneless chicken marinated in a sauce made with onions, garlic &amp; a variety of spices, cooked in coconut milk, potatoes..... 12</p> <p><b>Badami Murg</b> Boneless pieces of chicken cooked in a sauce made with a variety of spices and ground almonds..... 12</p> <p><b>Chicken Makhanwala</b> Marinated boneless chicken cooked in the tandoor and then simmered in a creamy sauce..... 12</p> <p><b>Chicken Tikka Masala</b> The classic Indian chicken dish. Marinated boneless chicken breast pieces simmered in a thick, spicy sauce made with onions, tomatoes, yogurt, ginger, garlic and spices..... 12</p> <p><b>Murgh Mahanajah</b> Chicken breast stuffed with minced cheese, chopped pistachios and almonds, simmered in a rich Makhan..... 14</p> <p><b>Chicken Saagwala</b> Delicately spiced boneless pieces of chicken with fresh spinach &amp; mild spices..... 12</p> <p><b>Shahi Murg Korma</b> Tender pieces of chicken cooked in creamy sauce with cardamom, topped with dry fruits &amp; nuts..... 13</p> <p><b>Kadhai Gosht</b> Boneless cubes of lamb, cooked in a special creamy sauce..... 13</p> <p><b>Mutton Handi</b> Morsels of lamb marinated and cooked in a brown sauce with cashew nut gravy..... 13</p> <p><b>Lamb Pasanda</b> Yogurt marinated lamb simmered with saffron, almond &amp; cashew sauce..... 13</p> <p><b>Lamb/Goat Saag</b> Lamb or Goat cooked with fresh spinach, sautéed with tomatoes &amp; onions..... 14</p> <p><b>Kadhai Goat</b> Succulent pieces of baby goat cooked in a special sauce made with a variety of spices..... 13</p> <p><b>Beef Balti</b> Diced beef cooked with fresh ginger, green herbs and tomatoes garnished with coriander..... 13</p> <p><b>Rice</b></p> <p><b>Steamed basmati rice</b>..... 2</p> <p><b>Peas pulao</b> Basmati Rice Cooked With Green Peas..... 3</p> <p><b>Biryani</b> Basmati Rice Flavored With Saffron Cooked With Chicken (Goat, Lamb) In A Blend Of Spices And Herbs..... 13</p>	<p><b>DIYA'S TANDOORI SPECIALTIES</b></p> <p><b>Tandoori Chicken</b> Chicken marinated in yogurt with freshly ground spices..... 13</p> <p><b>Murg Tikka</b> Tender boneless chicken flavored with mild spices..... 13</p> <p><b>Masaledar Lamb Chops</b> Lamb chops marinated with fresh papaya, crushed garlic and roasted herbs, skewered and grilled..... 18</p> <p><b>Batak Kay Tikkyay</b> Breast of Barbary duck, marinated in extract of garlic and ginger with yogurt and chili sauce..... 18</p> <p><b>Beef Tikka Kaala Mirch Masala</b> Pineapple of beef, marinated with crushed black peppercorns and ginger, skewered and grilled..... 18</p> <p><b>Filet Mignon</b> Filet mignon marinated and aged to give that perfect tenderizing effect..... 22</p> <p><b>Batera</b> Whole quail marinated in aromatic Indian herbs &amp; grilled..... 15</p> <p><b>Salmon</b> Salmon marinated in yogurt and spices..... 15</p> <p><b>Lobster Lajwabs</b> Lobster tails with a marinade of white wine, extra virgin olive oil, fresh rosemary, chopped garlic with a touch of saffron..... 28</p> <p><b>Prawns Phuljhari</b> Prawns marinated with fennel, green cardamom and saffron..... 20</p> <p><b>Scallops</b> Fresh scallops pan seared with fresh garlic, shallots, fresh herbs and spices..... 18</p> <p><b>Diya's Sizzling Mix</b> Assorted tandoori favorites: Chicken Tikka, boti kabab, beef tikka and prawns..... 20</p> <p><b>Indian Breads</b></p> <p><b>Naan</b> Tandir Shaped Traditional Punjabi White Bread, Baked In An Oven..... 2</p> <p><b>Roti</b> Round Shaped Whole Wheat Bread Baked In A Tandoor And Served piping Hot..... 2</p> <p><b>Poori</b> Whole Wheat Flour Puffed Bread..... 2</p> <p><b>Lacha Paratha</b> A Real Delight, Layered And Smeared With Butter, Cooked In Tandoor..... 3</p> <p><b>Paratha</b> Layered Whole Wheat Bread..... 3</p> <p><b>Kulcha</b> Scrumptious Unleavened Bread, Skuffed With Onion, Paneer Ghosti..... 4 (Add \$1 for Vegetarian Bread and add \$2 for keema.)</p>
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## A letter from the President...

Family and Friends of the Cultural Society,

On behalf of this year's members, we welcome you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cultural Dinner Theater. Since this time last year, our club continues to grow in size as our membership has grown to approximately two hundred students. None of this would have been possible without the aid of our advisors Mr. Jeffrey Hsi and Ms. Eftihia Katsaros, who have helped us to sponsor a variety of new ethnic events this year. With the school and with the community, we have celebrated Diwali, the Indian New Year, and El Dia de Los Muertos, a national Mexican holiday. In addition, the Cultural Society sponsored a Chinese New Year show in the Valley Stream Henry Waldinger Library. In April, we are even participating in the Forest Road Elementary School International Week.

This year, we have teamed up with the Language Honor Society to create the wonderful show that you are about to see tonight. We would like to thank Ms. Patricia Franco and Ms. Filomena Spinelli for their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank the parents who have tolerated the countless demands put forth upon their children, and the restaurants and families that have contributed food to tonight's event. It is with your inspiring support that has catalyzed our growth and success.

Enjoy the show!

Warm regards,

Amanda Lou  
President





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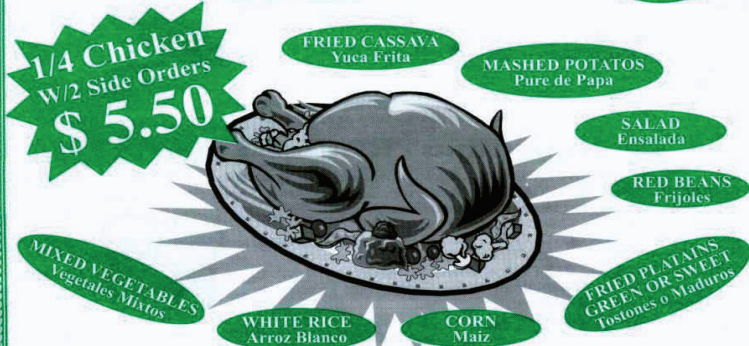
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## Schedule of the Evening

Dinner	6:00-7:20
English	7:30-7:45
Chinese	7:45-7:55
Italian	7:55-8:10
Spanish	8:10-8:25
Bollywood	8:25-8:40

Enjoy the Show!

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# English

## Background:

Theater in the United States is based on the Western tradition, mostly borrowed from the performance styles prevalent in Europe. Today, it is heavily interlaced with American literature, film and music and it is not uncommon for a single story to appear in all forms. Regions with significant music scenes often have strong theater and comedy traditions as well. Musical theater may be the most popular form: it is certainly the most colorful, as choreographed motions pioneered on stage have found their way onto movie and television screens.

Broadway in New York City is generally considered the pinnacle of commercial U.S. theater, though this art form appears all across the country.

## Summary:

The English portion of the Cultural Society's production of "Ugly Betty," or as we like to call her, Marcy, begins at Marcy's high school prom. Just like any other typical high school, there are those few mean girls who never have anything nice to say, especially to Marcy. She has her fair share of friends while others think that she is a sweet girl. But none of that matters to her when she is made fun of. Marcy is interested in the fashion industry but never previously revealed this, not even to her best friends. The problem is, her dream interferes with that of her parents who expect her to have an arranged marriage after high school. Her two friends convince her to tell her parents the truth about her ambition, and hope for the best.



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## Cast List

Writer: Amy Evron

Director: Amy Evron and Ms. Eftihia Katsaros

Mean Boy 1

Christian O'Brien

Mean Boy 2 / Prom King

Jake Corciari

Mean Girl / Prom Queen

Diana DeSola

Friend 1

Chloe Steindam

Friend 2

Victoria Rothbard

Marcy

Emily Sherman

Teacher

Christina Classi



Emily Sherman

# Chinese

## Background:

Chinese drama, similar to that of Taiwanese, Korean and Japanese drama, consists of a series of episodes that are similar to American soap operas. Chinese drama is usually filmed in Cantonese while Taiwanese drama is usually in mandarin that incorporate themes of deception and romance. However, each type can easily be and are frequently dubbed in another language and mass produced in that corresponding country.

Recently, dramas have featured new music artists in order to appeal to the young and old viewers alike. Ambrose Hsu is an example of a star that originated from New Jersey and found success not by going to Hollywood but by going back to his roots many years ago. Since then he has played the male leads in series such as "At the Dolphin Bay" and "Lavender."

## Summary:

The Chinese segment of this play starts off right after Marcy's graduation and progresses into the comfort of her home. There she is confronted with the surprising news that her family has already set an arranged marriage to take place with a suitor. Caught off guard, she disgraces her family and disrespects her guest by rejecting the marriage. This sparks the discussion of Marcy's "life after high school" as she aspires to enter the fashion industry while her father prefers that she partakes in the family business. In the end, her family concedes to their daughter's wishes as she goes to various interviews. She is rejected and criticized several times due to her appearance, but eventually encounters a job opportunity.



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## Cast List

Writers: Amanda Lou and Carolyn Hung  
Director: Amanda Lou and Mr. Jeffrey Hsi

Marcy (Ma Li)

Peggy Ng

Marcy's Friend

Sabah Waheed

Mother

Cindy Ip

Father

Evan Harris

Grandmother

Angela Yeh

Suitor

Allen Kim

Interviewer 1

Marc Lim

Interviewer 2

Amanda Lou

Interviewer 3

Aamir Waheed

Secretary

Christina Gerasimovich



Peggy Ng

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# Italian

## Background:

The Italian play is a blend of traditional acting with opera. The Opera is a form of theater in which the drama is conveyed mainly through music and singing. It uses many of the elements of spoken theater such as scenery, costumes, & acting. Generally, opera is distinguished from other dramatic forms by the importance of song & conventions of vocal technique. Singers are accompanied by a musical ensemble ranging from a small instrumental ensemble to a full symphonic orchestra. It may also incorporate dance; this was especially true of French opera for much of its history.

## Summary:

Marcy walks into the fashion building for the first time admiring how well she thought it would be. When Marcy is given her first assignment, she believes it to be really simple. However, when she returns with coffee, Marcy is bombarded with insults on everything she did wrong. Just when Marcy thinks it could not get any worse, she sees Armando flirting with Angelica and admires how handsome he is. As she begins to fall for Armando, the boss calls Marcy in and gives her an assignment to prove her skills. She is then introduced to Angelica who is in charge of the Mundo Express account and is told to work along side her. Unfortunately, Marcy ends up having to do all the work. Luckily, Armando is around to offer her advice and help her out. And when the boss finds out about Angelica's laziness, Angelica is thrown off the account and Marcy is put in charge. When the account is successfully landed, the company decides to celebrate by deciding throwing a company party.



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## Cast List

Writer: Christopher Soler  
Director: Ms. Filomena Spinelli

Marcy / Marcia

Veronica Bohorquez

Angelica

Nicole Silverstein

Boss

Jenna Lentini

Armando

Christian O'Brien

Secretary

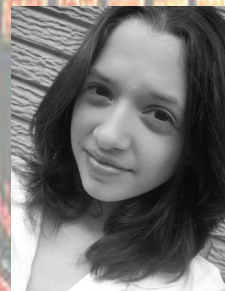
Tina Sciortino

Co-Workers:

Chris Soler

Amy Evron

Victoria Rothbard



Veronica Bohorquez



Christian O'Brien



# Spanish

## Background:

Telenovelas, also known as teleseries, are television programs produced originally in Latin America, transmitted through daily episodes, narrating a fictional story (although it can be based on real-life events) with tons of drama. They are similar to soap operas although Spanish telenovelas are much shorter in length. They normally have a limited number of episodes that do not pass a hundred or a couple hundred within one year. In some cases they may extend themselves to three years. A telenovela guarantees over-acted drama that never seems to end.

## Summary:

The Spanish portion of this play begins with Marcy attending the company party with her brother. She notices that Armando later arrives with Angelica, the superficial co-worker/model. However, when everybody starts to dance to a merengue song, Armando and Marcy end up dancing together by accident. When they dance, they feel an immediate attraction to each other. After the dance, Armando desperately tries to leave Angelica to be speak to Marcy. When Armando starts talking to Marcy he realizes that they have many things in common. After the party, Marcy wants to impress Armando so she asks her friend Mariano to give her a makeover. When she goes to the salon where Mariano works, she learns tricks to impress Armando and gets a very unexpected makeover.

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# Cast List

Writer: Evelyn Ramirez

Director: Evelyn Ramirez and Ms. Patricia Franco

Marcy

Deborah Machalow

Armando

Malcolm Sharpes

Brother

Carlos Barrero

Angelica

Evelyn Ramirez

Mariano

Andres Echeverry

Hair Dresser 2

Catherine Almonte

Hair Dresser 3

Juan Alzate

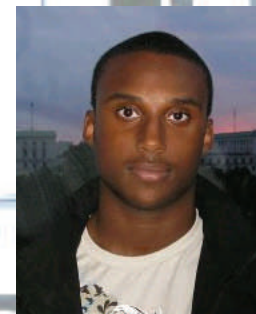
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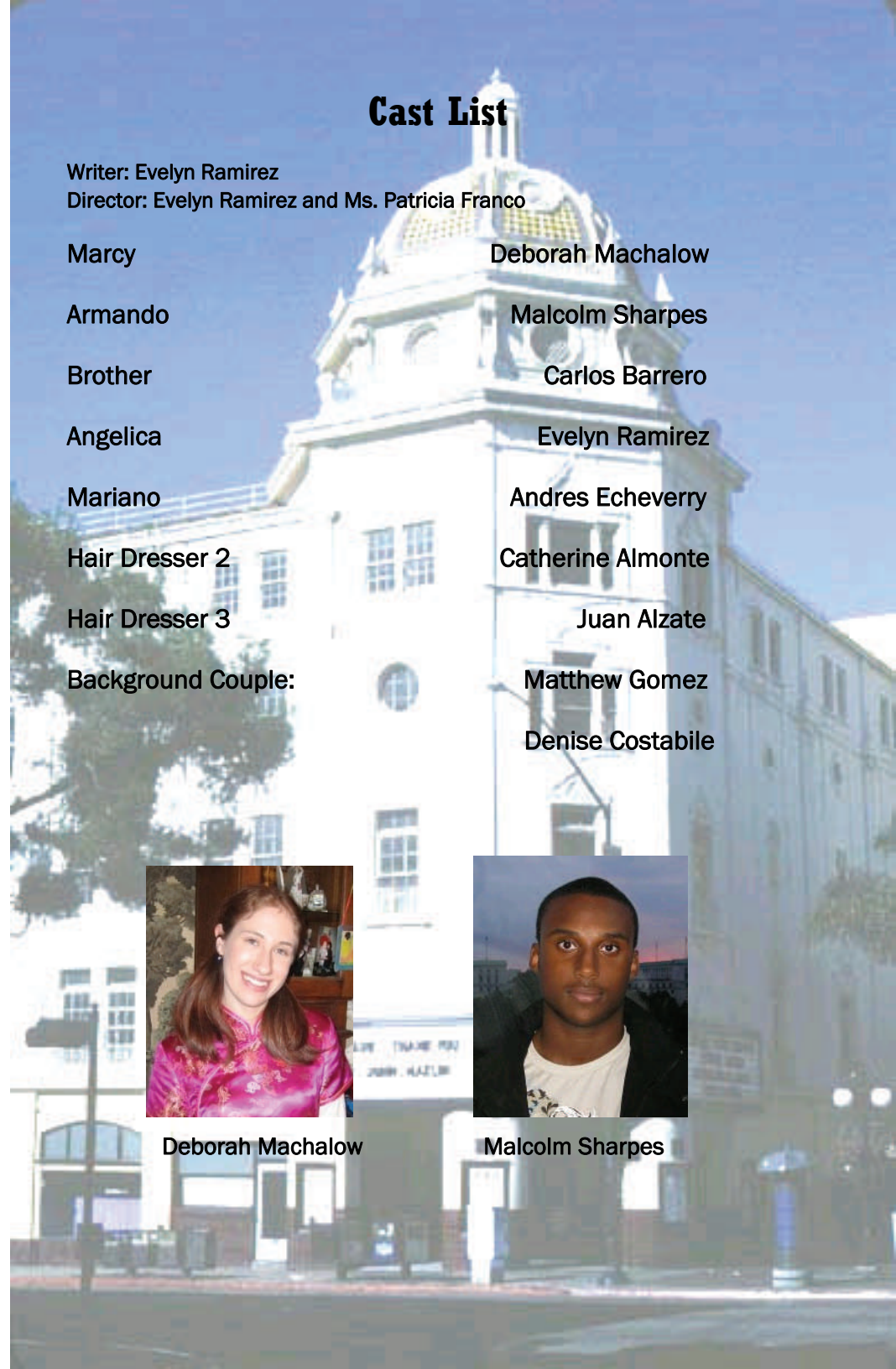
Denise Costabile



Deborah Machalow



Malcolm Sharpes



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# Bollywood

## Background:

Bollywood, often known as "Hindi Cinema", is one of the largest film producers in the world- twice as many as Hollywood. Bollywood films are usually musicals as there are usually at least one song-and-dance number. The songs are generally pre-recorded by professional playback singers with actors lip-synching the words, while dancing. Bollywood film music is called "filmi" music, and dancing in Bollywood films is usually modeled on Indian classical dance that is often blended with Western dance styles.

## Summary:

The Bollywood version of "Ugly Betty" is about a shy, talented girl named Marcy who is interning at the famous fashion warehouse in India called *Stardust*. Marcy is a hardworking, intelligent girl who is attracted to her handsome co-worker Armaan. Armaan is a flirt that has several secretaries falling all over him. Armaan observes Marcy's talent and dedication and realizes she is not like ordinary girls in the fashion industry. He does not care about her appearance but rather the person she is on the inside. Marcy changes her appearance to impress Armaan and to increase her confidence. Marcy helped organize the biggest fashion event of the year for *Stardust* and is going to present her designs in front of the famous Indian designer Manish Manhotra. Get ready to enjoy the *Stardust* fashion event and brace yourself to see what happens next!

## Cast List

Writer/Director/Choreographer: Dimple Chhatlani

Marcy / Manshaa

Asma Alvi

Armaan

Chetram Deochand

Secretary

Binish Anjum

Anjali / Angelica

Resham Mahtani

Manish Manhotra

Aamir Waheed

Photographer

Shamayal Jamil

Runway Models:

Nirali Patel

Ayesha Alvi



Chetram Deochand



Asma Alvi